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St. Peter's Collegiate Church,
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Tenor (33 cwt.) of the New Ring of 12.

WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
Messrs. GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON. 4th March, 1912.
Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect Diocesan Surveyor.

THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

This week that stupendous compilation, the peals analysis, is published, and the mass of information which it contains will be studied with the greatest interest. The work of getting out this analysis is a colossal one, and the labour attached to it increases year by year with the ever-growing number of peals that are rung. Whether or not a ringer agrees with the principle of points for peals, he cannot but find a great deal of instructive information in the particulars which have been extracted from the performances of the year and tabulated for his special benefit. The labour involved, however, is immense, and it is not lessened by the finer distinctions which the advance of the art make it necessary to be drawn between one method and another. We have heard no opinion expressed by the members of the Analysis Committee, but we can quite imagine that nothing has added so much to their work as the classification of the Minor methods for, where peals innumerable are rung consisting of methods of varying value, the work of assessing the points is immense.

The table itself reveals no surprises. Early in January we were able to publish very approximate particulars of the aggregate of peals and the performances of the individuals who had been most prominent, while it has been well-known for some time that Norwich had scored once more a double-first, leading the table both in number of peals rung and points scored. Those associations who have mounted well towards the top of the ladder are to be congratulated, and the performances which they have placed to their credit may well serve to stir up the spirit of emulation in those whose members at present cannot take such a prominent position in regard to peal ringing.

At the same time, however, as we have often taken the opportunity of pointing out, peal prowess should not be the be-all and end-all of a ringer's ambition. Many of those associations who do not figure high up the table of analysis are in their own sphere doing equally good work in spreading the art and improving the status of ringers. The value of this work cannot be measured in points, which, after all, with all their interest, fail, even in regard to peals, to appraise exactly the value of particular performances. The varying conditions make it impossible to compare one performance with another, for a peal of Grandsire under some circumstances is of higher merit than a peal of London under other conditions. But these differences it is impossible to calculate in point values, and there is no question that the Council have adopted the only practicable means of comparison. Even in its present form the preparation of the analysis is a gigantic undertaking, and for the work they put into it and the exactitude with which it is compiled, the committee certainly deserve the warmest praise and congratulation.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANCES;

Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lbs., in C.

ALFRED WRIGHT Treble	HARRY ALLEN 7
GEORGE F. MARGETSON ... 2	ALFRED E. ACFIELD ... 8
*ROBERT H. HAYWARD ... 3	FREDERICK G. GILL ... 9
FREDERICK W. EDWARDS ... 4	HARRY RICHELL ... 10
ARTHUR EDWARDS 5	HENRY F. COOPER ... 11
WILLIAM LINCOLN 6	JOHN WOOD Tenor

Composed by JOHN ROGERS, and
Conducted by HENRY F. COOPER.

* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. First peal on the bells. First peal in the county of Essex and by the Essex Association on twelve bells. First peal on twelve bells by all except the ringer of 3rd Rung at the third attempt. It was a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble who celebrated his 65th birthday the previous day. The band wish to thank the Rector (the Rev. Canon H. A. Lake) for permission to attempt the peal, as peals on these bells must be limited. The ringer of the 2nd hails from Chigwell Row, 3rd from Marlsford, 4th and 6th from Writtle, 5th and tenor from Boreham, treble, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th are members of the Cathedral band. A. E. Acfield was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CHELTHENHAM.

THE CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Thursday, May 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lbs.

WILLIAM T. PATES Treble	*WALTER YEEND 6
GEORGE H. PHILLOTT ... 2	*GEORGE H. WALTERS ... 7
*HAROLD HOLFORD 3	ALBERT W. HUMPHRIS ... 8
WILLIAM BRINKWORTH ... 4	JOHN F. BALLINGER ... 9
*THOMAS DYER 5	RICHARD TRIGG Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. T. PATES.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters. This composition is now rung for the first time. Great credit is due to R. Trigg, who is 76 years of age, for the way he rang the tenor. The peal was arranged for him, as he was anxious to ring the tenor again to a peal of Caters.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN T. RICKMAN Treble	ALBERT HARMAN 6
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ... 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
JOHN CAPP 3	ALBERT D. STONE 8
ARTHUR H. WHITE 4	KEITH HART 9
FRANK BENNETT 5	WILLIAM C. HART Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

First peal on this new ring of bells.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANCES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	ALBERT A. HUGHES ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	HENRY B. BURT 7
FRED G. MAY 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 8
ALBERT STOWELL 4	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 9
FREDK. G. WOODISS 5	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

The peal was arranged by Mr. J. H. B. Hesse for the ringers of the 2nd, 5th, 6th and 9th; also for the Revs. G. F. Coleridge and C. Jenkyn, both of whom could not take part.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ROTHERHITHE, S.E.,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS WALKER Treble	WILLIAM SHIMMANS... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	C. W. ROBERT GRIMWOOD 6
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES ... 3	WILLIAM BERRY 7
RICHARD N. RUNHAM 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER, and
Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method on the bells.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, May 6, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

RICHARD KENDALL Treble	WILLIAM H. CORBETT ... 5
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD ... 6
ALFRED L. BROWN 3	CHARLES E. READ 7
EDWARD J. GROVES 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

Rung in honour of Accession Day and as a birthday compliment to F. Shepherd.

LEIGH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 11, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt., in E flat.

ROBERT ALLRED Treble	HENRY SMITH 5
FRED RIGBY 2	FRED BANKS 6
HENRY HAYES 3	WILLIAM SMITH 7
SAMUEL HAYES 4	WILLIAM HAYES Tenor

Conducted by FRED BANKS.

* First peal. The ringer of the treble hails from Tyldesley, the 2nd from Chorley, and the rest belong to the local company.

BROMLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND THE SOCIETY OF BROMLEY YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, May 12, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WALDER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.	
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ... Treble	GEORGE DURLING ... 5
ISAAC EMERY 2	ALBERT E. NEWICK... 6
*ALFRED JAMES, JUNR. ... 3	ALFRED JAMES, SENR. 7
GEORGE HUXLEY 4	ARTHUR BYGRAVE ... Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

* First peal with a bob bell. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. A. H. Stevenson, M.A. (senior curate of the church), to Miss Ivy Muriel Dewey, daughter of Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., of South Hill Wood.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER Treble	ERNEST GOWER 5
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2	JOHN STEDDY 6
ROBERT W. GREEN 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
JOHN CAPP 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs.

*LESTER L. GRAY Treble	*WILLIAM B. REEVE ... 5
ROBERT H. HAYWARD ... 2	ROBERT G. MILES ... 6
HOBART E. SMITH 3	THOMAS WM. LAST... 7
WILLIAM FLORY 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. This composition is in 13 courses only.

TWYFORD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK DENTRY Treble	HARRY BUNGAY... .. 5
FRANK W. HOPGOOD... .. 2	JOHN C. TRUSS... .. 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN... 7
JOHN EVANS... .. 4	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

First peal of Major on the bells.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*FRANK FOX... .. Treble	GEORGE W. FRAYNE ... 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	MARTIN HARRIS ... 6
EDWARD HARRISON... .. 3	GILBERT GERRARD ... 7
GEORGE JONES 4	THOMAS ROWLAND ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

*WILLIAM BALL Treble	*WILLIAM IKIN 5
JAMES DOWLER 2	*ERNEST BOYLIN ... 6
WILFRED MUMFORD... .. 3	WILLIAM SHORT 7
*WILLIAM DOWLER 4	ARTHUR CHAMBERS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal in the method. The first six belong to the local band. Rung to celebrate the 25th anniversary of J. Dowler's first peal on the same bells; also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HAYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOSEPH WOOLLEY Treble	ARTHUR LOWE 5
ALBERT COPPOCK 2	J. CHARLES DICKEN... 6
FRANK JOHNSON 3	FREDERICK S. PRICE ... 7
H. ROBERT COBBIN 4	PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Remigius,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

CECIL R. CHAMBERLIN ... Treble	GEORGE HOWCHIN ... 5
ALBERT G. WARNES ... 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 6
ALFRED FUNNELL ... 3	WILLIAM STEELE ... 7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 4	FRANK R. COPEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and has all combinations of 4-5-6 full.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. (BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	EMMANUEL DUTESON ... 5
WILLIAM BRIGGS ... 2	JOHN WATSON ... 6
THOMAS WILSON ... 3	WILLIAM EDWARD WILSON ... 7
FREDERICK HINDLE ... 4	A. EDWARD EASTWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. WILSON.

* First peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY. THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lbs., in E.

*CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... Treble	*CORPL. G. GILBERT, R.E. ... 5
ALFRED A. DOBINSON ... 2	*WILLIAM SMITH ... 6
JOHN J. JONES ... 3	*CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 7
JOHN H. WHITE ... 4	*ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method, and first in the method on the bells.
Mr. C. H. Dobbie kindly stood out to allow W. Smith, of Loughborough, to ring.

EYE, SUFFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM ROSE ... Treble	FREDRICK DAY ... 5
*EDWARD YOUNGS ... 2	GEORGE E. DAY ... 6
FREDRICK BRUNNING ... 3	ERNEST LINCOLN ... 7
HUBERT J. DAY ... 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER, and
Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal of Bob Major. Rung to commemorate the first visit of the new Bishop to the Borough, and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Naunton (of Wrentham), parents of the conductor, on the 47th anniversary of their wedding.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Tower,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

LINDOFF'S TEN-PART. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN OLDHAM ... Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... 5
JOHN SMITH ... 2	ERNEST H. CLARKE ... 6
HORACE STUBBS ... 3	EDWARD READER ... 7
GEORGE FREEBREY ... 4	WILLIAM THORLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD READER.

The ringers of 4th, 5th and 6th hail from Derby, the remainder being local ringers. This is the quickest peal ever rung on the bells.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE HARDY ... Treble	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 5
ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 2	GEORGE WILSON ... 6
JAMES G. RUMSEY ... 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 7
JAMES M. BAILEY ... 4	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung on the fourteenth anniversary of the conductor's first peal on the same bells.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lbs., in F.

*THOMAS WHITE ... Treble	JOHN C. DICKEN ... 5
HERBERT DAY ... 2	ALEX. HUTCHISON ... 6
FRED. W. HILL ... 3	PERCIVAL PRICE ... 7
JAMES L. WRIGHT ... 4	ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES MARTIN, and
Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

* First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal on the bells.

N.B.—The correct weight of this tenor is as above, and not 17 cwt. as hitherto reported.

WOOBURN GREEN, BUCKS. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART, No. 6.

*CHARLES BLAKE ... Treble	RALPH COLES ... 5
GEORGE TWITCHEN ... 2	JAMES W. WILKINS ... 6
WILLIAM GOODCHILD ... 3	JOHN GRANSBURY ... 7
JOHN WEST ... 4	FREDERICK GEORGE MALIN ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WILKINS.

* First peal. The ringers of the treble, 4th and tenor are local men, the 3rd hails from Hughenden, and the remainder from High Wycombe. Rung as a birthday peal for the conductor.

SAWSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE. THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... Treble	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 5
T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 2	FRANK E. KEMPTON ... 6
PERCY WEBB ... 3	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN ... 7
L. GEORGE MALLION ... 4	FREDERICK DENCH ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

* First peal on tower bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SHREWSBURY. THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Thursday, May 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Julian,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of five 720's Kent Treble Bob, and one each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE JONES ... Treble	THOMAS W. BELTON ... 4
WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE ... 2	ALFRED E. FULLICK ... 5
E. R. TREVOR CORRETT ... 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal. Also first peal on the bells, which were placed in the tower in 1868 by Messrs. Mears. The band wish to thank the Vicar (Rev. F. N. Duncan), and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and Mr. E. Harley for having everything ready and for his generous offer of a peal tablet. All the ringers are members of St. Chad's Society.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 11, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure, Double Oxford, Oxford and
Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob
Tenor 9½ cwt.

SYDNEY J. SPICE... ..	... Treble	WILLIAM E. SPICE	4
EDWARD H. SPICE	2	WILLIAM SPICE... ..	5
FREDERICK HOLLANDS ...	3	WILLIAM NYE	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

Birthday peal for F. Hollands.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge,
Netherseale and Norwich. Tenor 20 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH ... ..	... Treble	BERTIE F. TURNER	4
FREDK. MANSEY	2	JOHN SNELLING	5
GEORGE SNELLING	3	FREDK. SEAGER... ..	Tenor

Conducted by F. MANSEY.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and
three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE BERTRAM ... ..	... Treble	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON... ..	4
ALBERT J. NAUNTON	2	JOHN SPENCER	5
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ...	3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ...	Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. J. Naunton
on his 70th birthday. It was the conductor's 50th peal and the quick-
est peal on the bells.

BINSTED, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Cross,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's of Oxford and four of Kent called differently.
Tenor 14 cwt.

*ERNEST OLIVER ... ..	... Treble	†WILLIAM ELKINS	4
HUBERT CHAFFEY	2	ALFRED J. ELKINS	5
ERNEST NEWELL	3	CHARLES EDWARDS	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor with a bob bell. First peal of
Treble Bob upon the bells, and first peal of Treble Bob Minor by all
the band.

EMBERTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, College
Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*H. RICHARDSON... ..	... Treble	FREDERICK J. MYNARD	4
CECIL A. VALENTINE	2	T. C. TOMPKINS	5
HENRY W. GAYTON... ..	3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ...	Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

POSTWICK, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, May 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. A. ROUGHT, 15, NORFOLK COTTAGES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

JOHN MOY... ..	1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS... ..	5-6
ALBERT ROUGHT	3-4	*CHARLES NEWLAND ...	7-8

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

Witness: Mrs. A. ROUGHT.

* First peal "in hand."

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

At the Residence of A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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MAURICE SMITHER... ..	1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING	5-6
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	3-4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ...	7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: Mrs. PULLING and Miss HOOD.

This is believed to be the largest handbells upon which a peal has
been rung.

EALING.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 15, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-and-a-half Minutes,

At 52, LAMMAN PARK ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANCES;

†GEORGE E. HARBOUR	1-2	*JAMES R. MACKMAN	5-6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	3-4	†WILLIAM LAWRENCE ...	7-8

Composed and Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Umpire: CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal of Major on handbells.
The composition has the sixth the extent right and twenty-one times
wring.

HINTON, EVESHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, May 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Residence of F. J. JOHNSON,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two Six-scores of Stedman, four each of College Single, Plain
Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, 18 of St. Dunstan's and 10 of Grand-
sire, called differently.

MISS ELLEN M. JOHNSON	1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	3-4
*LEONARD NICHOLS	5-6		

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Umpire: F. J. JOHNSON.

* First peal on handbells. It was intended to ring a peal of Minor
on Cropthorne Church bells, but owing to sudden serious illness near
the church the above was rung instead.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

At the Residence of A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Size 18, in G.

*CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... ..	1-2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3-4	WILLIAM SMITH	7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: Mrs. PULLING and M. SMITHER.

* First peal away from 7-8. This peal was rung on the lawn, and
was specially arranged for W. Smith, of Loughborough.

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SAMUEL THURSTON.

INTERESTING PICTURE BROUGHT TO LIGHT AT NORWICH.

During the recent restoration of peal boards in the famous tower of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, a most interesting discovery was made. "Skied" above a board recording the peal of Norwich Court Bob Maximus rung in 1817, itself some 30ft. up, was a dark object, a sort of pediment to the tablet, and largely hidden by the projecting



From the Portrait of the celebrated
SAMUEL THURSTON
in St. Peter Mancroft Belfry, Norwich.

cornice. On being taken down it has proved to be a picture of very considerable interest. We are able to reproduce a photograph which has just been taken of this picture in its new position, since it has been cleaned and glazed. It measures about 4 feet square, and is an oil painting, the colours of which are rich and mellowed in tone. Perhaps the drawing of the figures leaves a good deal to be desired; but there is an exquisite little sketch introduced into the lower left-hand corner, a view of Norwich, in which the tower of

St. Peter Mancroft, the Cathedral spire and the Castle are prominent over a delightful prospect of the river. On examination it was discovered that the picture bears the artist's signature—J. Stannard, a painter of the "Norwich School" of considerable local reputation.

Joseph Stannard, who was born in 1797, has left us a numerous collection of his works, among which probably the best known is his large canvas "The Thorpe Water Frolic," which hangs in the Norwich Castle Picture Gallery. He began work at an early age, being a pupil of Robert Ladbroke when scarcely 14, and evidently the picture discovered in the tower ranks among his earliest efforts.

And who is the central figure of the picture? It will be noticed he holds a scroll bearing figures, and there seems little doubt it is a portrait of Samuel Thurston himself, the composer of the 1817 peal of Norwich Court Bob Maximus and the ringer of the tenor. What a pity the artist was not made to introduce some figures of the method rung and of the composition! Had he not forgotten to do so, it would now have been possible to settle definitely the old standing controversy on the subject.

Thurston was born at Norwich in 1789. By trade a stonemason, he was for a long period the mason employed at Norwich Cathedral. According to the account published some years ago by the late Mr. Samuel Slates, the first mention of Thurston in connection with the Art was in 1809, "when he tapped on handbells at the New Theatre, Norwich, courses of Bob Triples, Bob Major, Bob Major Reverse, Double Bob Major, and Grandsire Bob Caters. This was at the time considered the greatest performance ever completed by one person in the world." He rang his first peal in the autumn of the same year at St. Giles', Norwich (5040 Bob Major). In 1813 (according to the same account) he had a controversy in the local papers with Chesnutt, the leader of the St. Peter Mancroft Company, whom he challenged to ring with him for £100; however, a satisfactory settlement was not attained. Then in 1814 Thurston himself joined the St. Peter's ringers, and we find him in 1817 ringing in the peal of Norwich Court Bob Maximus with his one-time adversary. In 1825, Thurston was presented with an elegant silver gilt jewel by the "United Ringers of St. Peter Mancroft for his eminent services in composing the peal of Norwich Court Twelve-In, and ringing the tenor in Superior Style," as the inscription reads. In 1835 he conducted 5280 "London Surprise" at St. Andrew's, Norwich—the first peal in the method ever rung.

A painting of Thurston was some years ago in the possession of a daughter of his, a Mrs. Finlay, of Macclesfield. It shows him standing in the belfry with a rope in one hand and a M.S. in the other, the latter inscribed, "The Art of Ringing Made Easy." While on the subject of tablets it may be of interest to append the inscription on Thurston's Memorial Tablet which is erected under the tower arch just below the belfry:—

THIS STONE IS ERECTED
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MR. SAMUEL THURSTON.

MANY YEARS AN EMINENT RINGER OF THIS PARISH
IN COMMEMORATION OF HIS GREAT ABILITIES AND
PERSEVERANCE IN ADVANCING THE ART OF RINGING
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THE MOST INTRICATE PEALS EXTANT.

HE SUDDENLY DEPARTED THIS LIFE

MUCH REGRETTED BY THE EXERCISERS AT LARGE
ON THE 9TH OF JANRY, 1841

IN THE 52ND YEAR OF HIS AGE.

Next week we hope to give a photograph of the oldest peal board in existence, that in St. Peter Mancroft tower recording Garthorne's peal of Triples.

HERE AND THERE.

OUR SPACE.

Owing to the publication this week of the Central Council's Analysis, which takes up a large portion of our space, a number of peals and other reports are unavoidably held over.

RESTORATIONS.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have secured the contract to rehang the present six bells at Bagshot, Surrey, in iron and steel frame, and to add two trebles to complete the eight. The cost will be over £300, and nearly £100 more is needed. Any ringers who would like to contribute towards making up this balance should forward their donations to Mr. T. J. Gould, Shadyside, Bagshot, who will be glad to acknowledge amounts through these columns.

The bells of Pecklington, Yorks, are being restored by Messrs. Warner and Sons.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

Notice has been issued by the Hon. Secretary (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies) to the members, informing them that the third session of the eighth Council will be held at 11 a.m. in St. Thomas' Parish Hall, Southgate Street, Winchester, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 2nd. Among the business to be transacted is the reception of the reports of the Peal Collection, Literature, Peals Analysis, and Towers and Belfries Committees. The resolutions include the following:—

"That the Central Council approve and issue a national badge for ringers."

"That this Council, while not in any sense pledging its members individually and collectively, would, if the project could be set going on a sound practical basis, view with satisfaction, the establishment of a system of inter-affiliation between the various Diocesan and County Associations for purposes of peal ringing."

"The Superlative Surprise Royal as given by Shipway, is the same method as the Major."

The members of the Council are invited by the Winchester Diocesan Guild to a social gathering in the evening from 8 o'clock to 11, in the Guildhall.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.

DUBLIN COMPLEX.																			
Double Yorkshire Court.					TRIPLE.					MINOR.									
Treble Bob.					Erin.					Number of Peals arranged according to Point Values.					Doubles.				
Little Bob.					Double Grandshire.										Total Value in Points.				
Little Allion.					St. Clement's.										Average Value in Points per Peal.				
Plain Methods.					Grandshire.														
Stedman.					Plain Methods.														
Erin.																			
Double Grandshire.																			
St. Clement's.																			
Grandshire.																			
Plain Methods.																			

Peterborough and Districts Association. Long peals were also rung of 7325 changes, 7200 (on handbells), 7104 (on handbells), 6080, 6063 (on handbells), 6048 (twice). There were 2351 peals of under 6000 changes.

The number of peals rung on church bells was 2142; on handbells, 217; making a total of 2359.

The peals rung in 1913 were 30 more than those rung in the previous year. They were rung in the following months, viz.: January, 171; February, 150; March, 197; April, 183; May, 245; June, 131; July, 124; August, 188; September, 191; October, 208; November, 261; December, 310.

THE CONDUCTORS.

The conductors of five peals and upwards are shown in the following table. A figure in brackets added to a name denotes the number of handbell peals conducted:—

- 61 Peals: Keith Hart.
 59 Peals: A. H. Pulling (41).
 53 Peals: W. Pye (13).
 50 Peals: F. Bennett (5).
 27 Peals: George Williams.
 26 Peals: Bertram Prewett.
 24 Peals: E. M. Atkins (15), C. F. Bailey (6), W. D. James (14), J. Moles.
 23 Peals: Clement Glenn.
 20 Peals: C. Edwards.
 18 Peals: G. E. Symonds (2).
 16 Peals: F. G. May, G. N. Price (7), W. Steele.
 15 Peals: F. Borrett, J. E. Davis, F. W. Naunton.
 14 Peals: W. Short.
 13 Peals: C. E. Fisher, G. R. Newton, W. B. Smith.
 12 Peals: C. W. Clarke, A. W. Grimes (2), A. T. Morris (12).
 11 Peals: T. Groombridge, senr., G. Martin, R. Matthews, R. Met-

calfe, E. Morris, S. Proctor (2), B. Thorp, W. H. B. Wilkins.

10 Peals: E. Barnett, senr., J. E. Groves, C. R. Lilley, E. H. Lindup, W. Shepherd (4), G. F. Swann, S. Thomas, B. Turner, A. C. Wright.

9 Peals: W. H. Barber (2), Rev. A. T. Beeston, O. Broyd (6), G. D. Coleman (2), J. T. Dyke, T. J. Elton, F. A. Holden, F. Hopper, Rev. H. L. James, H. Knight, Edwin Lambert, W. Poston, E. H. Stoneley, S. H. Symonds (1), T. H. Taffender, A. P. Wakley.

8 Peals: G. F. Alexander (7), J. Austin, H. Barton, W. Keeble (1), A. Knights, A. E. Moore (4), D. J. Nichols (5), J. Potter, J. Ridyard, J. Souter, G. Wightman.

7 Peals: G. Chamberlain, G. H. Cross, W. Fisher, J. Goodman, junr., S. Grove, A. Harman, G. Jutson (2), R. C. Loveday, R. Nabourough (6), E. Pye (1), G. R. Pye (3), A. Roberts, J. W. Washbrook, F. Watling, S. Wood.

6 Peals: J. W. Barker, E. G. Buesden, F. C. Burrows, J. Carter, J. Cotterell, F. G. Dewell (6), F. W. Dixon, S. Evans, E. C. Gobey, G. Holifield, senr., Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, E. W. Marsh, F. M. Mitchell, W. Page, A. Relfe, W. Rose, W. Sawyer, H. W. Sharman, J. Thomas (2), C. Wallater, Edwin Whiting, C. F. Winney (4), A. Wright.

5 Peals: C. Billenness, C. T. Coles, F. Cooke (1), W. H. Corbett, Rev. C. C. Cox, F. H. Dexter, A. E. Edwards, W. G. Ellis, C. H. Fowler, G. H. Harding, G. F. Hoar, R. Howard, F. J. Howchin, E. H. Lewis, W. Mallinson, W. Miller, Miss E. K. Parker, J. W. Parker, W. Perkins, J. Pigott, J. J. Pratt, R. Richardson, A. Rowley, J. Sharp, O. Sippetts, W. B. Smith, E. J. Tyler, C. A. Valentine, W. S. Wise (3).

In addition to the above, 44 persons conducted four peals; 60, three peals; 130, two peals; and 326, one peal. One peal of Bob Major was rung on handbells by members of the Middlesex Association, in which each member of the band conducted a quarter-peal; and three peals on tower bells were rung unconduted, viz., a peal of Stedman Cinques by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and two peals of Minor in Seven Surprise Methods, by members of the Lancashire Association. Two ladies appear as conductors of peals in the year 1913, viz.: Miss Parker, who conducted peals of Stedman Triples and Superlative Surprise Major for the Royal Cumberland Youths, Stedman Triples for the Middlesex County Association, and Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major for the Hertfordshire Association; and Miss Ellen M. Johnson, who conducted a peal of Doubles in four methods on handbells for the Worcestershire and Districts Association at the early age of twelve years and nine months!

HANDBELL PEALS.

The 217 peals on handbells were rung as follows: Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Stedman Cinques, 12; Treble Bob Royal, 3; Bob Royal, 5; Stedman Caters, 18; Grandshire Caters, 12; Treble Bob Major, 28; Bob Major, 69; Little Bob Major, 4; Stedman Triples, 18; Grandshire Triples, 19; in five Minor Methods, 1; in four Methods, 3; in three Methods, 2; in two Methods, 1; in one Method, 17; one peal of Doubles was rung in eight Methods; two in four Methods; and three in one Method; for the following Associations:—

Associations	Number of Peals.
Ancient Society of College Youths	5
Cambridge University Guild	16
Central Northants Association	6
Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association	10
Durham and Newcastle Association	2
Ely Diocesan Guild	24
Essex Association	18
Hertfordshire Association	12
Kent County Association	6
Irish Association	1
Lincoln Diocesan Guild	2
London County Association	1
Middlesex County Association	22
Midland Counties Association	8
Norwich Diocesan Guild	14
Oxford Diocesan Guild	3
Peterborough and Districts Association	9
Royal Cumberland Youths	6
Surrey Association	4
Winchester Diocesan Guild	32
Worcester and Districts Association	3
Yorkshire Association	13

Total 217

The total number of peals, whether on tower bells or on handbells, rung year by year since 1881, is as follows:—

1881.....156	1889.....797	1897.....906	1905.....1519
1882.....244	1890.....699	1898.....1002	1906.....1313
1883.....330	1891.....878	1899.....912	1907.....1339
1884.....419	1892.....802	1900.....924	1908.....1474
1885.....500	1893.....705	1901.....1194	1909.....1628
1886.....556	1894.....859	1902.....1313	1910.....1725
1887.....646	1895.....766	1903.....1469	1911.....1739
1888.....759	1896.....791	1904.....1512	1912.....2329

1913.....2359

Grand total, 34,563.

The following Table gives the first twenty Societies and their positions since 1903:—

	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	1913
Norwich Diocesan ...	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	1
Middlesex County	1	1	2	1	1	3	3	2	2	2
Sussex County	3	7	7	11	10	7	7	6	7	3
Midland Counties	10	6	5	5	4	1	1	3	4	4
Kent County	6	9	3	3	3	4	5	4	5	5
Lancashire	19	22	9	8	6	8	8	11	9	6
Winchester Diocesan	23	18	15	10	9	9	12	8	1	7
Yorkshire	9	3	4	4	7	5	4	5	6	8
Oxford Diocesan	4	8	8	6	5	6	6	7	10	9
Essex County	8	6	6	7	11	11	10	9	11	10
Surrey	16	13	13	23	14	22	23	20	25	11
Gloucester and Bristol	7	11	14	13	22	12	11	10	23	12
Stafford Archdeaconry	18	25	21	21	13	18	18	19	19	13
Worcestershire and Dist	20	23	17	14	8	14	9	14	8	14
Hertfordshire	12	12	13	16	12	13	13	17	13	15
College Youths	5	4	10	11	16	21	22	22	16	16
Central Northants	14	14	16	22	20	16	20	16	12	17
Birmingham, S. M'tin's	11	15	12	19	15	15	16	12	31	18
Ely Diocesan	15	16	24	24	31	28	33	34	33	19
Warwickshire	—	—	—	—	35	34	31	26	20	—

Note: In the Analysis for 1912, the Societies were placed in alphabetical order, owing to changes in the classification of peals.

The committee's report upon the Analysis will appear next week.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUDBURY BRANCH FAVOURS A SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION. AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

A meeting of the Sudbury Branch of the Ely Association was held on Saturday week, at Bury St. Edmund's, when, considering the unfavourable weather, there was a very good attendance, 33 being present at tea, representing eleven towers.—The Rev. R. F. Wilson kindly took the chair at the tea, as also at the business meeting which followed, when sixteen new members were elected. It was a subject for congratulation that once more the name of St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmund's, is among the towers represented, four members being elected; also that there was now one tower, that of Hadleigh, where there are four lady ringers (three members and one probationer); while from Horringer there was a new member aged 11 years, who gives promise of doing great things in the art. He is the son of Mr. George Debenham, so well known in West Suffolk.—The Chairman also consented to become an honorary member.—The usual votes of thanks were unanimously passed, including that to the chairman.—The latter, in his reply, welcomed the ringers, and said he was glad to be present among them, and to be able to welcome them personally. It was also a pleasure to be able to lend the bells, as he took great interest in the ringers and their work for the church.

AN ASSOCIATION FOR THE NEW DIOCESE.

Proceeding, he mentioned the subject, which perhaps is uppermost at the moment, in the minds of Suffolk ringers, that of the new diocese, and he expressed the opinion that undoubtedly there ought to be an Association for the whole diocese, in order that ringers in Suffolk should be united and not divided.

The Secretary, later on, also spoke on the matter, and asked the members to express their opinions, urging that the matter should no longer be allowed to drift, but that a decision should be come to.

After several speeches, the unanimous decision of the meeting was, that an attempt should be made to form a Suffolk Association, and that the members in the Archdeaconry of Suffolk should be approached with a view to this. All the speeches were marked by great cordiality and sympathy towards the Norwich and Ely Associations, who undoubtedly would be weakened, should the new association be formed; but it was felt that whatever the outcome of the matter may be, it should not be allowed to drift.

The report in "The Ringing World" of the Norwich meeting at Eye was mentioned, and all present were unanimous in agreeing that it would be neither fair nor just to leave the Ely Association in order to join the Norwich, and that failing a Diocesan Association, it were better to remain as they were, for the present.

The discussion was brought to a close by the following resolution proposed by Mr. H. Turner, of Bury St. Edmund's, seconded by Mr. A. Symonds, of Lavenham, and carried unanimously, "That this meeting desires to approach all towers in East Suffolk with a view to forming a Suffolk Diocesan Association; and, further, that the secretary of this branch be instructed to take the necessary steps immediately."

The venue of the autumn meeting will be settled at a committee meeting to be held in Lavenham during the summer.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very enthusiastic and highly successful meeting of the Grimsby District of the Northern Branch was held at Thornton Curtis on Saturday week, when campanologists, to the number of 31, were present from Barrow-on-Humber, Bigby, Scunthorpe, Barton-on-Humber, Hull, Ulceby, Grimsby St. James' and Grimsby St. Andrew's, who rang, during the afternoon and evening, touches of Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles.

Through the instrumentality of the home ringers and the Vicar

(the Rev. C. V. Goodacre), an excellent tea was provided, gratis. They were heartily thanked and loudly applauded, upon the proposition of Mr. T. H. Parkin, seconded by Mr. C. Kennington for their kindness.—The Vicar responded in a few encouraging remarks.

At the business meeting, over which the Rev. C. V. Goodacre presided, two new members, namely, Messrs. F. Goodridge (Grimsby) and A. Ellerby (Thornton Curtis) were elected. Acting upon the suggestion of Mr. Seamer, a collection was taken in aid of Barton-upon-Humber (St. Peter's) bells, which realised 15s. 6d.; and that sum was handed to Mr. Daddy, one of Barton-upon-Humber's representatives. After tea, a service was held in the church, and the choir was augmented by several ringers, by request, joining them. An instructive and very interesting address was given by the Rev. H. Larken, Vicar of Brocklesby, who based his discourse upon 1 Cor. ix, 16, "Woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel." In his remarks, he referred to St. Paul and the great bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, of bells sending forth special messages to worshippers, and the duty of the ringers; compared the efficient ringing of to-day with that of many years ago, of the "go" of the bells now and then, of the old wobbling wheel and the present excellent fittings, and the rapid improvements that have been made both to the bells and in the ringing of them, and remarked that practising the art is now easier and more dignified. Ringers were officers of the church, and, as well as ringing for service, they should attend the service to which they called others.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Southern District was held on Saturday last at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, and there was a good attendance. During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going in methods from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise, making a good practice for all.—The business meeting, presided over by the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffendor) was held in the Parish Room, when several important items were discussed. The next meeting was fixed for Saturday, July 18th.—After a vote of thanks to the Rector and steeple keeper, a social was enjoyed, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. Lewis. The programme consisted of Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters, and tune ringing on handbells; songs by the following members and friends: Messrs. Brown, Habgood, Walker, Mathews, Barker, Hughes, Smith. The pianist also gave several good selections. A very enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN PINFOLD.

The parish of All Saints', Emscote, Warwick, is the poorer by the death of Mr. John Pinfold, who was laid to rest on the 6th inst., at the age of 68 years. He had been a ringer and Sunday School teacher for a great many years, and his services will be greatly missed in both connections, and as leader in All Saints' belfry. It was only latterly, however, that he took up change ringing, when Mr. Adams, of St. Mary's, introduced it into All Saints' belfry, and Mr. Pinfold was one of the first members to join the Warwickshire Guild at its formation in 1907. The bells of All Saints' were his especial pride and care, and, although somewhat difficult of access, never a complaint could be made of the way he preserved this part of the Church property and catered for the comfort of the ringers. Visiting ringers could always be sure of a courteous welcome from him. The local ringers rang the bells fully muffled for the funeral ceremony, at which the members of the Warwickshire Guild were represented by Mr. E. H. Adams, and in the evening a band from St. Mary's rang a muffled touch of 800 Grandsire Triples to his memory. The deceased only rang in three peals, and last year, when he retired from active ringing, owing to failing health, he was unanimously elected as an hon. life member at the annual meeting of the Guild. It was hoped, then, that he might be spared for a long enjoyment of this privilege, but "Fiat voluntas Tua." R.I.P. C.

BEARINGS FOR BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Our efforts to eliminate friction in the bearings of bells seems to have increased friction in another direction!

First, taking into consideration ball bearings for bells, we should like to make a short statement. About four years ago, we came to the conclusion that Hoffmann's system of ball bearings might be adopted in bell bearings. After explaining to the Hoffmann Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Chelmsford, the conditions under which ringing bells worked, we asked them to supply a drawing meeting with these requirements. This Messrs. Hoffmann did, and the bearings were made by us, and tested for about six months on a bell in our foundry. Results did not meet with our approval, and we let the idea drop, as many had done before us. The original bearings are now to be seen in our drawing office. Bearings based upon this design are, however, being advocated by others, but with what results we are not prepared to say.

From the above you will see that we thoroughly believe in our own self-aligning, self-lubricating, oil-bath and oil-ring design of bearings, in preference to ball bearings or solid bearings. We propose, with your kind permission, at an early date to demonstrate to the Exercise generally, the reasons that our bearings are so made, and all about them, and also their "true" origin.—We are, yours truly,

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April, 1914.

Chelmsford Cathedral.

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The tone of the bells is much admired, and the ease with which they can be rung is testified to by the ringers.

HENRY A. LAKE, Rector.

THOS. N. WALLER,

ADOLPHUS G. MASKELL, } Churchwardens.

St. Mary's Lodge, Chelmsford.

February 6th, 1914.

Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd.

Gentlemen.

The new Peal of Twelve Bells installed in Chelmsford Cathedral in September last by your Firm gives the utmost satisfaction. The bells are well-tuned; the tone is mellow, and the harmonics are perfect. The ensemble effect is excellent.

I consider the Peal to be perfectly satisfactory.

Faithfully yours,

FREDERICK R. FRYE,

Mus. B. (Cantab), F.R.C.O.,

Organist, Chelmsford Cathedral.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL BELLS.

Dear Sirs,

We, the undersigned, representing important Towers in the Essex Association of Change Ringers, wish to place on record that we consider the new ring of 12 Bells (Tenor 34cwt. 2qrs. 22lbs.) in the Key of C, which you have just installed at Chelmsford Cathedral to be a triumph of musical perfection, coupled with engineering skill.

The Tenor Bell, which has been "going" perfectly since she was first dropped into her bearings, and the Treble Bells, are extremely worthy products of your well-known Foundry.

The whole peal is exceedingly well balanced, and the tuning upon Canon Simpson's Five Tone Principle is a vast improvement upon the old Bells, whose over-tones were in such a hopeless tangle.

Your new design of Independent Steel Framework fully merits the greatest praise, inasmuch as there is not the slightest movement when the Bells are ringing, and moreover, we appreciate the very great difficulty of arranging the 12 Bells to hang on one level in so small an available space.

Wishing you every success in the future,

We are, Dear Sirs, yours sincerely,

WILLIAM LINCOLN,

Master for S.E. Division.

CHAS. H. HOWARD,

Master of the Essex Association.

HARRY RICHILL, Deputy Master,

Chelmsford Cathedral.

JAMES MOTTS.

25, Orchard Street, Ipswich.

ARTHUR EDWARDS,

Ringing Master of Boreham Tower

Eight Bells.

HENRY F. COOPER,

Steeple Keeper and Master of the

Cathedral Guild of Change Ringers.

Secretary of the S.E. Division, E.A.C.R.

County Offices, Chelmsford.

Messrs. Warners, London.

Dear Sirs,

I have great pleasure in stating I am perfectly satisfied with the manner in which you have carried out the work entrusted to you, of recasting the old Peal of Ten and adding New Treble and Tenor, to Chelmsford Cathedral.

The Steel Frame constructed to carry the Twelve Bells all on one level, is a masterpiece of work, no movement or friction whatever. The tone of the bells is beautiful, the "go" is such that a youth could ring any one of them, in short I am opinion our Peal of Twelve cannot be beaten.

Yours truly,

HENRY F. COOPER,

Steeplekeeper and Master Chelmsford Cathedral Guild of Change Ringers.

Secretary S.E. Division, E.A.C.R.

Boreham, Chelmsford.

Dear Sirs,

In my opinion the Twelve Bells placed in the Tower of Chelmsford Cathedral by you, are a noble peal; in fact, I think they are perfect, and remind me of a beautiful wave of music floating in the air, the "go" of which is all that could be desired.

Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR EDWARDS.

66, Duke Street, Chelmsford.

February 27th, 1914.

Messrs. Warner and Sons,

I am very pleased to say that the New Ring of Twelve at Chelmsford have proved such a great success. They are a magnificent Peal, and I'm sure that the "go" of them from Treble to Tenor is most excellent, and great credit is due to the Firm for the able way in which the work has been carried out.

H. RICHILL,

Deputy Master to the Cathedral Guild.

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Bellfounders to His Majesty King George V.,

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING AT TROWBRIDGE.

A large gathering of ringers from Wilts and Dorset assembled at Trowbridge on Tuesday of last week, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Ringing took place at the ancient Parish Church of St. James' in the morning, and the Guild's special form of service was used in the church, and was much enjoyed, the Rector of Trowbridge (the Rev. P. A. Nash) officiating. The preacher was the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild), who, basing his remarks upon the text, "I magnify my office," gave a characteristic address, full of that practical and manly advice so much appreciated by ringers. Speaking as a ringer to ringers, he emphasised the importance of the ringers' office, the value of organised Guilds, and the essential need of ringing well when the ringing was done for Sunday services or public occasions.

Subsequently the members of the Guild sat down to dinner at the George Hotel. The Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett (Master) presided, and was supported by the Rector of Trowbridge, the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn, the Rev. A. T. Richardson (Keevil), the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (Kington Magna), secretary; the Rev. Canon Thynne (Seend), the Rev. P. W. G. Filleul (Devizes), the Rev. E. C. Alexander (Edington), the Rev. E. A. Hawkes (Bratton), the Rev. T. Roberts (Holt), the Rev. P. J. Dale (Fittleton), Major C. Hughes D'Aeth (Buckhorn Weston), etc. Ringers were present from Trowbridge, Dinton, Fittleton, Edington, Dorchester, Keevil, Okeford Fitzpaine, Seend, West Lulworth, Combe Bisset, Haselbury Bryan, Sturminster Newton, Westbury, Bradford-on-Avon, Holt, Shillingstone, Market Lavington, Devizes, Buckhorn Weston, Bechington, Kington Magna, Bridgwater, Wyke Regis, etc. There was an attendance of close upon 100.

After dinner the loyal toast was honoured.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The Master referred in sympathetic terms to the loss sustained by the Guild by the death of the Earl Nelson, their first president. The selection of a successor, he said, was placed in the hands of the committee, whose choice had fallen upon Capt. J. E. Acland, of Dorchester, who many years ago was associated with his brother in the production of one of the early treatises on ringing, the well-known "Troyte," which was formerly Capt. Acland's name. — The selection of the committee was unanimously ratified.

The Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett was re-elected Master, and the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards was unanimously re-appointed hon. secretary. Mr. Hussey (Wilts and Dorset Bank, Gillingham) was appointed auditor, and Major Hughes D'Aeth was elected to represent the Guild on the Central Council.

The hope was expressed by the Hon. Secretary that special efforts would be made in all towers to ring for the 70th birthday of Queen Alexandra, on December 1st next.

The Master's report was as follows: Change ringing is progressing in the diocese. Seventeen peals have been scored, Devizes branch heading the list with 10-4 Grandsire Triples, 1 Bob Major, 2 Bob Minor (first of the branch), and 3 Grandsire Doubles; West Dorset branch one peal of Grandsire Triples, and Dorchester branch a peal of Stedman Triples. A peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Romney. Yet, and this is regrettable, with all these peals, only eight ringers scored a first peal. To maintain progress we require more youngsters making a start. Poole St. James have scored with a local band a peal of Stedman Triples, and have a good local band of handbell ringers. Dorchester St. Peter are wrestling with Treble Bob Major; Okeford Fitzpaine with Bob Minor; and the North Dorset Nondescripts continue their Saturday missionary efforts and practice Kent, Oxford and Cambridge Surprise Minor. Trowbridge as a ringing centre is coming to the fore again. Marlborough branch has just scored its first peal—which will appear in the next report—at Wootton Bassett; the skill of the bell hanger is much needed in this branch. Warminster will soon have a ringable octave in an up-to-date frame and fittings—an important addition to the Sarum branch. Apart from peal ringing we notice a general advance, even though in some places it approaches only to better struck "Stoney" and Churchyard Bob." The best work for the Guild is done where ringers realise that their first duty as ringers is to ring for the church service, and then to ring their best.

The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £29 6s. 3d.

A donation of one guinea was voted to the proposed memorial to Earl Nelson, a similar sum towards the restoration and augmentation of the bells at Kington Magna Church (where the hon. secretary is the incumbent), and 10s. 6d. to the Aldbourne bells fund.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector of Trowbridge for the use of the bells and the service, the Rev. P. A. Nash, in replying, remarking that it was the greatest pleasure to him to have the Guild with them in Church, and to know they were making good use of the belfry (applause). He confessed that his education in the art of bell ringing had been sadly neglected. When he was a child the great thing in life was to be seen and not heard (laughter). That somehow did not apply to bell ringers, for they were always heard but not seen (applause). Bell ringers seemed to him a type of men who did the best work in the world, and did it unseen and often unknown, for although people heard and enjoyed the bells they seldom knew who were ringing them (applause). The bells sent out their messages,

as they had heard in the sermon in church that morning, and all were under a deep debt of gratitude to those who rang for them in the church towers.

The cordial thanks of the Guild were also accorded to the preacher and to the clergy and churchwardens of Trowbridge, Bradford-on-Avon, Holt, North Bradley.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Rev. W. P. Schuster, said it was hoped to make him a presentation as a token of their recognition of his services as hon. secretary.

The health of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild having been toasted, the Master's reply brought the proceedings to a close.

The arrangements for the meeting were ably carried out by Mr. H. Brownlee West (hon. secretary of the Devizes branch), who was assisted locally by Mr. S. J. Hector and Mr. C. Raison.

THE YORKSHIRE & CLEVELAND ASSOCIATIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me space to reply to Mr. Marshall's letter in your issue of May 15th. My statement at the Easter meeting of the Cleveland Association applied to what I consider, from a business point of view, as between two parties an *official* reply of the Yorkshire Association to a resolution sent to it by the Cleveland Association last September.

It is quite true that on behalf of the Yorkshire Committee, Mr. Marshall sent a reply stating certain reasons why the *Committee* did not favour the acceptance of our resolution, and Mr. Marshall's letter concluded thus: "P.S.—It will be understood that this letter is the reply of the Committee of the Yorkshire Association, and that the resolution of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association will be brought before the members at our annual meeting to be held in Leeds on February 7th."

Very good. Now, Sir, we sent our resolution not to the *Committee* but to the *Association* (to whom we were told it would be submitted). For all we know *officially* the Yorkshire annual meeting may have reversed its committee's decision on this point, and agreed to the terms of our resolution, which ran as follows: "We, the President and members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association of Ringers, assembled at a general meeting, held at Middleham on Saturday, September 27th, 1913, request that in any sub-division of the County by the Yorkshire Association consideration be given to the existence of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, and that the North Riding be excluded from such scheme for the present at any rate."

I, therefore, hold that it is a reasonable expectation that after the Yorkshire had held its annual meeting an *official* message should have been sent to the Cleveland announcing the decision of the *Association* (not *Committee*) one way or the other. Had the decision been different, would no reply have been sent then! Of course, we know from other sources what the decision of the Association was, but not *officially*.

I do not know that the point is of any consequence, but as Mr. Marshall has brought my name in, and has felt that "in justice to himself and his brother officers of the Yorkshire Association" he ought to give some explanation of what took place, I ask permission to use his own phrase as the reason for giving my view of the case.

"HARDLY PLAYED THE GAME."

As I am writing, may I ask you to kindly make known to the Exercise what has never, so far as I know, been published in connection with this matter, and which was one of our strongest points in support of our resolution, viz., that from the foundation of the Yorkshire Association in 1875, not a single meeting was held in the North Riding till 1908, ten years after the formation of the Cleveland, and only one more since then, viz., 1910. After this absolute neglect of, and indifference to, the North Riding for *thirty-five years*, was it an unreasonable request to ask the great Yorkshire Association when re-constructing its constitution to leave the Cleveland unopposed in the North Riding where it has done and is doing such good work?

We of the Cleveland Association think that the Yorkshire has hardly "played the sporting game" this time.

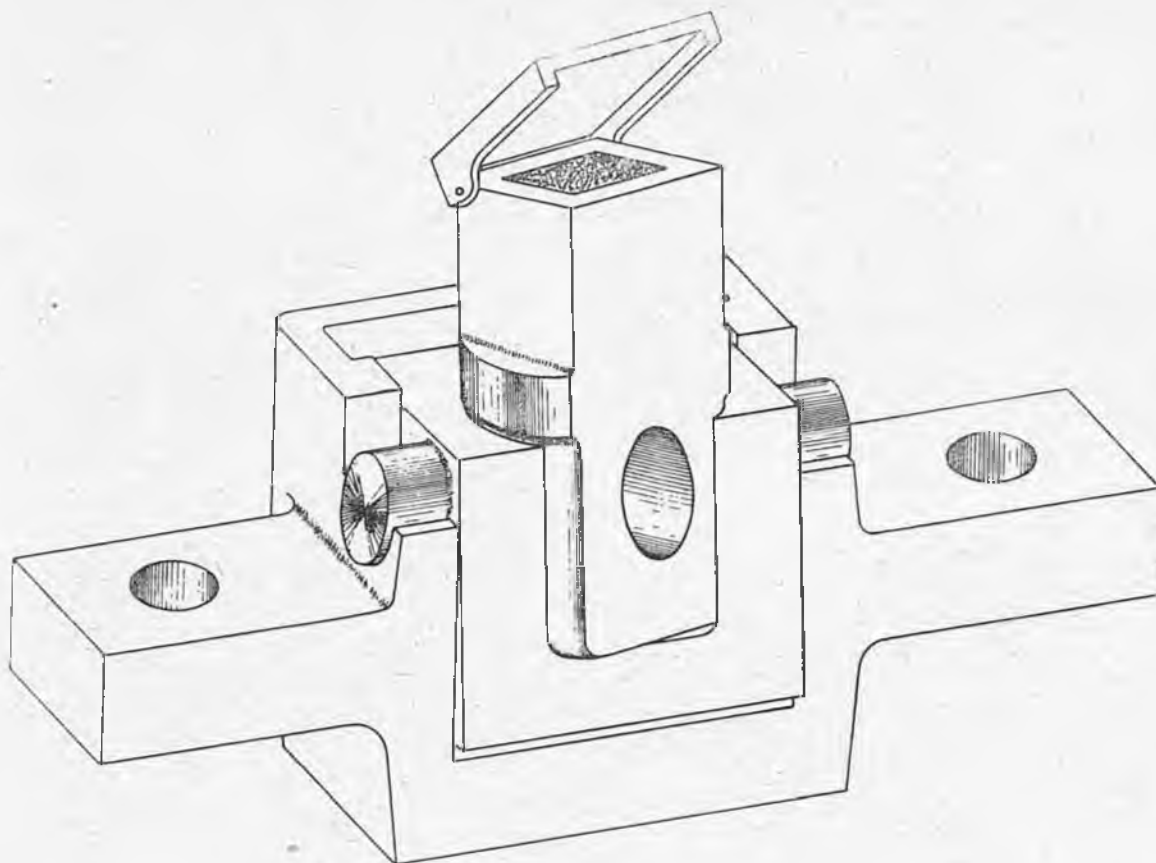
There are other reasons, of course, but time and space forbid the mention of them now.

Like Mr. Marshall, I have no desire to start a newspaper correspondence on the matter, it will do no good to either side, each of which I suppose holds its own views most strongly, and public correspondence will only embitter without changing them. Time alone will solve this unhappy condition of things. As regards myself then, I intend this to be the only letter I will trouble you with, and I thank you for kindly inserting it.—Yours sincerely,

W. P. WRIGHT,

President of the C. and N.Y.A.

SWANSEA.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: *C. H. Ewan Johns 1, *A. Hoare 2, *D. S. Peacock 3, E. Searle 4, F. Curtis 5, A. E. Morgan 6, A. Prince (conductor) 7, F. Morgan 8. * First quarter-peal arranged for A. E. Morgan.



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NOTICES.

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GUILD FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP.

—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 23rd, 1914, at Shawbury and Moreton Corbet. Ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the Vestry of Shawbury Church at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Retford on Saturday, May 23rd, 1914. East Retford (10), West Retford and Ordsall (6 bells) towers will be at the disposal of ringers from 2 to 9 p.m. Visitors heartily welcomed. Tea at Howard's Restaurant, Grove Street, at 5 p.m. Free to members, 1s. to non-residents, and 1s. 3d. to others.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary, 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.

—The next meeting will be held at Flixton, on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available at 4.30; meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly

meeting at Ottershaw on Saturday, May 23rd, meet at 4 p.m. Combined practices:—Oatlands Park, May 30th, Hersham, June 13th, both at 6.30 p.m.; Weybridge, June 27th, 7 p.m. Supporters are asked to make a note of above information.—George B. Edser, Honorary Secretary, 170, Gipsy Road, S.E.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly

meeting of this Guild will be held at Wombourne on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available at 4 o'clock, service in church at 4.30, to be conducted by the Rev. Prebendary Nicholas (Vicar). A free tea will be provided by the Vicar for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, May 26th. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

(Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 26th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A meeting will be held

at Grendon, on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Secretary, Shotton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.

—The next monthly meeting will be held at Whitworth, on Saturday, May 30th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.

—A Meeting will be held at Bennington, on May 30th. Particulars next week.—W. H. Lawrence, District Secretary, Little Munden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting

will be held at Maidstone on Whitsun-Monday, June 1st. Committee meeting in All Saints' Vestry, 11 a.m. Service at All Saints, 12 noon (preacher, Rev. T. K. Sopwith, Vicar of Aylesford). Dinner (in Boys' Schoolroom) 1 p.m. Business meeting after dinner. Towers open, Maidstone All Saints' (10) and St. Michael's (6), Aylesford (8), West Malling (8), Boxley (6), Barming (6) and Bearsted (6). It is particularly requested that members

will apply for dinner tickets by May 27th at the latest.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Honorary Secretary, Canterbury.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—The annual meeting will be held at Paignton, on Whit Monday. Service in Parish Church at 12.15, dinner in Parochial Schools at 1 p.m. Business meeting after dinner. Ringing in neighbouring towers throughout the day.—Rev. E. S. Powell, Holbeton, Plymouth.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton, on Whit Monday, June 1st. Service at All Saints' at 12 noon. Luncheon at the Peacock Hotel at 1 o'clock, 1s. each. Meeting after. The bells of All Saints', St. Peter's, St. Sepulchre's, and St. Edmund's will be available from 10 a.m.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

THE LADIES GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the above Guild will be held at Portishead, near Bristol, on Whit-Monday, June 1st. Bells available at 11 a.m. Business meeting at 2.30 p.m. in the Belfry. Members will be entertained to tea by the Portishead ringers at the "White Cot" Dairy at 4 p.m., charge for non-members 1/- each. Service in Church at 5.30 p.m.; gentlemen cordially invited. Will all who intend being present kindly notify me before May 25th.—Edith K. Parker, Honorary Secretary, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—

The Whitsuntide meeting of this Association will be held at Shildon, on Monday, June 1st, 1914. Bells available all day. Committee meeting at 1 o'clock and dinner at 1.30 p.m. in the Masonic Hall. Will all members who intend being present please communicate not later than Wednesday, May 27th, to R. Stephenson, Hon. Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be

held at Harlow, on Whit Monday. Service at St. Mary's at 11.30. Business meeting at 12.30. Dinner at 1.30. To ensure accommodation at the dinner, notice must be given to the Hon. Secretary not later than May 27th.—Henry T. W. Eyre, Hon. Secretary, Great Totham, Witham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.

—Next meeting at Long Stanton on Whitsun Monday, June 1st. Service at 5 (address by Rev. B. H. T. Drake). Tea (in schoolroom) 5.30. Bells from 2 p.m. Long Stanton (8), Swaversey (6) and Willingham (5). All ringers welcome.—Rev. H. B. Woolley, District Secretary.

CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—

The annual meeting will be held at Northallerton on Whitsun-Monday, June 1st. Committee meeting at the Rose and Crown Hotel at 11 a.m. Service at the Parish Church at 12 noon (address given by the Rev. A. J. Chambers, Northallerton). Dinner will be provided at the Rose and Crown Hotel at 1 p.m. Business meeting after dinner. It is particularly requested that those intending to be at dinner will reply to the secretary not later than Wednesday May 27th, at the latest.—T. Metcalfe, Honorary Secretary, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—

The next meeting will be held at Standish, on June 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. This being the first visit of the branch to Standish, a good attendance is requested.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Shorne, on Saturday, June 13th, 1914. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. These bells have recently been rehung in a steel frame by Bowell, of Ipswich.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

PEAL BOOKS.—Price 3s., post free 3/6. Peals written in at 3d. per page. Prices for entering peals in Association official peal books upon application.—J. Beams, West Ewell, Epsom.

HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

Having frequently had inquiries from ringers for information as to other members of the Exercise who have holiday apartments to let, we offer the use of our columns to those who cater for visitors at seaside and other resorts. Terms for insertion will be sent on application.

BLACKPOOL.—Ringers visiting this seaside resort will find every comfort and convenience at Mrs. J. Smith's, 41, Hornby Road, Blackpool. Near sea and Central Station. Send stamp for reply.

VISITORS TO BRISTOL will find every convenience and moderate charges at Mr. Ponton's, Admiral Duncan, Nicholas Street, Bristol. Headquarters of the Bristol Ringers.

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DEATH.

REEVES. — On Friday, May 15th, at 5, Fatherson Road, Reading, Eliza Mary (Minnie), the beloved wife of Albert E. Reeves, aged 50 years.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very pleasant meeting of the North and East District was held on Saturday week at Hadley, some 30 members attending during the afternoon and evening. Ringing was indulged in on the pretty peal of six bells during the afternoon, whilst a party also visited Barnet, where the bells had been placed at the disposal of the members for a short period, touches of Stedman Triples and Plain and Kent Treble Bob being rung. Tea was served in the Church House, followed by the business meeting, at which six new members were elected. — Mr. F. A. Milne proposed a vote of thanks to the Rectors of Hadley and Barnet for the use of the bells at their respective churches, and also to the former for his kindness in allowing the use of the Church House for tea. — This was seconded by Mr. H. S. Reeves, and carried with acclamation. During the evening, much use was made of the bells, touches being rung in many methods, including Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, College Single, Double Oxford, Double Court, Kent, Oxford, and Woodbine Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise.

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